

Application Serial No. 10/801,467
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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended): A chair, comprising:
 - a base assembly;
 - a seat supported by said base assembly;
 - a pair of uprights connected to said base assembly and extending upwardly above said seat, each upright including a longitudinal axis;
 - an armrest selectively positionable along each upright; and
 - a backrest disposed between said uprights and selectively positionable along said uprights, ~~one of~~ said armrests and said backrest moveable coaxially along ~~each of said respective longitudinal axes of said uprights; and~~
a brace member connecting upper end portions of said uprights, said brace member extending behind said backrest.
2. (original): The chair of Claim 1, wherein each armrest includes a mount sleeve and said backrest includes a pair of mount sleeves, said mount sleeves telescopingly movable along said uprights.
3. (original): The chair of Claim 2, wherein said mount sleeves each have a cylindrical profile with an opening therethrough, with respective uprights extending through said openings of said mount sleeves.
4. (original): The chair of Claim 1, wherein said uprights extend upwardly from opposite sides of said seat, said uprights disposed proximate a rear portion of said seat.

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5. (original): The chair of Claim 2, wherein each upright includes a channel extending therealong, at least a portion of each mount sleeve received within a respective channel for guiding the movement of each mount sleeve along an upright.

6. (original): The chair of Claim 2, wherein each upright includes a series of spaced holes therealong, and each mount sleeve includes a retention member selectively engageable within one of said holes.

7. (original): The chair of Claim 6, wherein each retention member is mounted to a respective mount sleeve for movement between a first position in which said retention member engages within one of said holes and a second position in which said retention member does not engage within one of said holes, whereby said mount sleeve is fixed with respect to said upright in said first position and is movable with respect to said upright in said second position.

8. (original): The chair of Claim 7, wherein each mount sleeve includes a biasing member biasing said retention member to said first position.

9. (original): The chair of Claim 1, wherein said uprights are each attached to a base member, said base member attached to said base assembly beneath said seat.

10. (canceled)

11. (original): A chair, comprising:
a base assembly;
a seat supported by said base assembly;
a pair of uprights connected to said base assembly and extending upwardly above said seat;
a pair of armrests each including a mount sleeve selectively positionable along a respective upright; and

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a backrest disposed between said uprights and including a pair of opposite mount sleeves selectively positionable along said uprights, said mount sleeves of said backrest disposed above said mount sleeves of said armrests.

12. (original): The chair of Claim 11, wherein each upright includes a longitudinal axis, said mount sleeves of said armrests and said backrest moveable coaxially along respective longitudinal axes of said uprights.

13. (original): The chair of Claim 11, wherein each mount sleeve has a cylindrical profile with an opening therethrough, said uprights extending respectively through said openings of said mount sleeves.

14. (original): The chair of Claim 11, wherein each upright includes a series of spaced holes therealong, and each mount sleeve includes a pin selectively engageable within one of said holes.

15. (original): The chair of Claim 14, wherein each pin comprises a portion of a lever mounted with respect to a mount sleeve, said lever movable between a first position in which said pin engages within one of said holes and a second position in which said pin does not engage within one of said holes, whereby said mount sleeve is fixed with respect to said upright in said first position and is movable with respect to said upright in said second position.

16. (original): The chair of Claim 15, wherein each mount sleeve further includes a biasing member biasing said lever to said first position.

17. (original): The chair of Claim 11, wherein said uprights extend upwardly from opposite sides of said seat, said uprights disposed proximate a rear portion of said seat.

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18. (currently amended): A chair, comprising:

- a base assembly;
- a seat supported by said base assembly;
- a pair of uprights connected to said base assembly, said uprights extending upwardly from said seat;
- an armrest mounted to each upright;
- a backrest disposed between said uprights and mounted to said uprights and disposed therebetween at respective locations on said uprights which are disposed above said armrests; and
- means for selectively positioning said armrests and said backrest along said uprights.

19. (original): The chair of Claim 18, wherein each armrest includes a mount sleeve and said backrest includes a pair of mount sleeves, each mount sleeve telescopingly received about a respective upright for movement therealong.

20. (original): The chair of Claim 19, wherein each upright includes a channel extending therealong, at least a portion of each mount sleeve received within a respective channel for guiding the movement of each mount sleeve along an upright.

21. (original): The chair of Claim 18, wherein said means for selectively positioning comprises a lever respectively associated with at least one of each armrest and said backrest, said lever movable between a first position in which a portion of said lever engages within one of a series of apertures in an upright and a second position in which said portion of said lever does not engage within one of said apertures.

22. (original): The chair of Claim 21, wherein said means for selectively positioning further comprises a biasing member biasing said lever to said first position.

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23. (currently amended): A chair, comprising:
 a base assembly;
 a seat supported by said base assembly;
 a pair of uprights connected beneath said seat to said base assembly, said uprights extending upwardly along opposite sides of said seat;
 an armrest mounted to each upright; and
 a backrest connected between said uprights at respective locations on said uprights which are disposed above said armrests, said backrest selectively positionable along said uprights.

24. (previously presented): The chair of Claim 23, wherein said uprights are disposed proximate a rear portion of said seat.

25. (previously presented): The chair of Claim 23, wherein each of said uprights has a tubular profile.

26. (previously presented): The chair of Claim 25, wherein said backrest includes opposite sides each having a mount sleeve, said mount sleeves telescopingly slidably upon said uprights.

27. (previously presented): The chair of Claim 26, wherein said backrest and said mount sleeves are integrally formed as a single plastic component.

28. (previously presented): The chair of Claim 23, wherein said uprights comprise legs of a substantially U-shaped yoke member, said yoke member having a base portion connected beneath said seat to said base assembly.

29. (previously presented): The chair of Claim 23, wherein said base assembly further comprises:

 a central hub;
 a plurality of legs extending from said central hub and including casters; and

a height-adjustable pneumatic cylinder mounted within said central hub.

30. (previously presented): The chair of Claim 23, wherein said backrest comprises:
 - an upper portion; and
 - a lower portion connected to said upper portion, said lower portion extending rearwardly and downwardly behind said seat.
31. (currently amended): A chair, comprising:
 - a base assembly, comprising:
 - a base having a plurality of legs with casters;
 - a height-adjustable pneumatic cylinder extending vertically from said base; and
 - a control housing mounted atop said pneumatic cylinder;
 - a seat supported by said control housing;
 - a pair of uprights connected to said control housing beneath said seat, said uprights extending upwardly along opposite sides of said seat;
 - an armrest mounted to each upright; and
 - a backrest having opposite sides each including a mount sleeve, said mount sleeves ~~received upon~~ disposed above ~~said armrests and telescopingly movable along~~ said uprights.
32. (previously presented): The chair of Claim 31, wherein said mount sleeves and backrest are adjustably positionable along said uprights.
33. (previously presented): The chair of Claim 31, wherein said uprights are disposed proximate a rear portion of said seat.
34. (previously presented): The chair of Claim 31, wherein each of said uprights has a tubular profile.

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35. (previously presented): The chair of Claim 31, wherein said backrest and said mount sleeves are integrally formed as a single plastic component.

36. (previously presented): The chair of Claim 31, wherein said backrest includes a lower portion extending rearwardly and downwardly behind said seat.

37. (previously presented): The chair of Claim 31, wherein said uprights comprise legs of a substantially U-shaped yoke member, said yoke member having a base portion connected beneath said seat to said control housing.